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1. WE HOPE WE ARE COMPARING THE SAME TWO DOCUMENTS: OES/ACPR/8 AND E/CN.11/NR.1/WRD.11/L.11. THE FORMER IS BROKEN INTO TWO SECTIONS; THE FIRST SECTION COVERS WORK PROGRAMS FOR FIVE PRIORITY AREA AND THE SECOND SECTION COVERS THE STANDARD SECTORAL WORK PROGRAMS FOR ALL ESCAP DIVISIONS. SECTION I CONTAINS PRIORITY AREA PROGRAMS, SECTION II CONSISTS OF THE REGULAR WORK PROGRAMS FROM THE PAST.

2. E/CN.11/NR.1/WRD.11/L.11 (HEREAFTER CALLED L.11) CONTAINS ONLY SECTION I OF OES/ACPR/8 AND TWO OF THE WORK PROGRAMS FOR MINERAL RESOURCES AND WATER DEVELOPMENT TAKEN FROM SECTION II OF OES/ACPR/8. UNDER THESE HEADINGS, THERE ARE ONLY MINOR ADDITIONS DESCRIBED BELOW. DOCUMENT L.11 IS PRESENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES DISCUSSED AT ACPR THIRD SESSION AND DESCRIBED IN BANGKOK 12769, PARA. 4.

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3. ESCAP SECRETARIAT INTENDS TO LAY PRIORITY AREA WORK PROGRAMS (I.E. SECTION I) BEFORE ALL UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN ORDER TO SEEK FURTHER REFINEMENT AND AVOID OVERLAPS IN COMMITTEE JURISDICTION. IT WILL ALSO REMIND ESCAP MEMBER STATES THAT THESE ARE THE PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND THAT OTHER PROGRAMS ARE LOWER ON THE SCALE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT L.11 BE STUDIED CAREFULLY AND THAT USDEL TO SUBJECT MEETING BE ADVISED TO COMMENT ON WORK PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN SECTION II OF L.11. ULTIMATELY, BUT PERHAPS NOT AT THIS MEETING AT THIS LATE DATE, USDEL IN SUBSEQUENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS (STATISTICS, NOV. 21-27, 1974) SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO COMMENT ON PRIORITY AREA WORK PROGRAMS AS WELL.

5. WE HAVE COMPARED OES/ACPR/8 WITH L.11 AND HAVE NOTED ONLY THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS IN THE LATTER:

A. INTRODUCTORY TEXT, PAGES 5-9, DESCRIBING THE SECTORAL PROGRAMS;

B. TWO NEW ADDITIONS IN SECTION I ON PAGES 23 AND 24 (STUDY OF OCEAN TRANSPORT OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS AND STUDY OF POPULATION CHANGE AND ENERGY REQUIREMENTS);

C. THREE NEW ADDITIONS IN SECTION II ON PAGE 47 (PREPARATORY WORK FOR UN WATER CONFERENCE, FOURTH SESSION OF COMMITTEE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ADVISORY SERVICES IN PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT).

6. WE SUGGEST THAT WE QUESTION THE ADDITIONS DESCRIBED IN PARA. 5 C ABOVE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WORK PROGRAM FOR 1975/77 HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY REFINED AT ACPR MEETINGS AND WILL BE REFINED FURTHER AT UPCOMING ESCAP COMMITTEE MEETINGS. ACPR WILL HOLD A FINAL PRE-PLENARY MEETING IN EARLY JANUARY TO REVIEW THE DRAFT WORK PROGRAM BEFORE ITS PRESENTATION TO THE PLENARY AT NEW DELHI. STOKES CONCURS IN FOREGOING.
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